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SUBJECT: US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS: DRAFT REPORT TO NATO

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1. SET FORTH IN PARA 2 BELOW IS THE TEXT OF US DELEGATION  
DRAFT OF PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT TO NATO WHICH WILL BE  
PRESENTED TO GREEK DELEGATION IN PLENARY SESSION SCHEDULED  
FOR APRIL 28.

2. BEGIN TEXT

"THE UNITED STATES AND GREECE CONDUCTED DETAILED  
DISCUSSIONS IN ATHENS DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 7 TO APRIL  
30 ON SUBJECTS CONNECTED WITH US FACILITIES IN GREECE.  
THESE TALKS WERE USEFUL IN ILLUMINATING CONCERNS ON BOTH  
SIDES, AND LAID THE BASIS FOR MORE DETAILED FUTURE CONSUL-  
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TATIONS. TALKS AMONG OFFICIALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES WILL

CONTINUE.

"THE TALKS IN ATHENS WERE HEADED BY AMBASSADOR PETROS CALOGERAS ON THE GREEK SIDE AND THE AMERICAN MINISTER IN ATHENS, MONTEAGLE STEARNS, ON THE AMERICAN SIDE. THEY WERE IN TURN ASSISTED BY OFFICERS OF THE HELLENIC ARMED SERVICES, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE US DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

"AT THE REQUEST OF THE GREEK SIDE, THE UNITED STATES AGREED TO END THE HOMEPORTING OF AMERICAN NAVAL SHIPS AT ELEFSIS. US NAVAL PERSONNEL, TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES, NOW STATIONED IN THE ATHENS AREA, WILL SHORTLY BEGIN RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES. SHIPS CREWS AND FAMILIES WILL ALL BE OUT OF GREECE BY THE END OF THIS SUMMER.

"THE TWO DELEGATIONS REVIEWED THE OPERATION OF US FACILITIES AT HELLENIKON AND AGREED THAT THE US INSTALLATION ITSELF WOULD BE CLOSED, BUT THAT THE MOST ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES WOULD CONTINUE AND BE INCORPORATED IN AN ENLARGED GREEK AIR BASE AT THIS SAME SITE.

"THE TWO SIDES ALSO DISCUSSED US TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN GREECE. THE US TABLED INFORMATION ON EQUIPMENT, FUNCTIONS, CAPABILITIES AND PERSONNEL AND MADE PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF US PROVIDING TRAINING LOCALLY FOR GREEK PERSONNEL AND, JOINT USE OF FACILITIES, WHERE FEASIBLE. THE GREEK SIDE MADE MORE EXTENSIVE PROPOSALS CONCERNING JOINT USE WHICH WILL BE EXAMINED IN WASHINGTON.

"EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ON THE COMPLEX OF AGREEMENTS, SOME OF WHICH DATE FROM THE IMMEDIATE POST-WAR PERIOD, CONCERNING THE STATUS OF US FORCES IN GREECE. IT WAS AGREED THAT THOSE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ARE NO LONGER CURRENT SHOULD BE TERMINATED, AND THAT OTHER ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE REVISED WHERE FEASIBLE ON THE BASIS OF THE 1951 NATO STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT. VIEWS WERE CLARIFIED ON A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS, INCLUDING: WAIVER OF CRIMINAL JURISDICTION, CUSTODY OF ACCUSED PERSONS, CUSTOMS PROCEDURES, TAXATION AND COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE

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ARRANGEMENTS. SETTLEMENT OF THE QUESTIONS STILL AT ISSUE AWAIT THE EXCHANGE OF DRAFTS ON EACH SIDE.

"IT WAS AGREED THAT IMPORTANT ISSUES COULD NOT BE RESOLVED UNTIL THE OUTCOME OF THE DISCUSSIONS IN NATO CONCERNING THE CHARACTER OF GREEK MEMBERSHIP WAS FURTHER CLARIFIED."

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